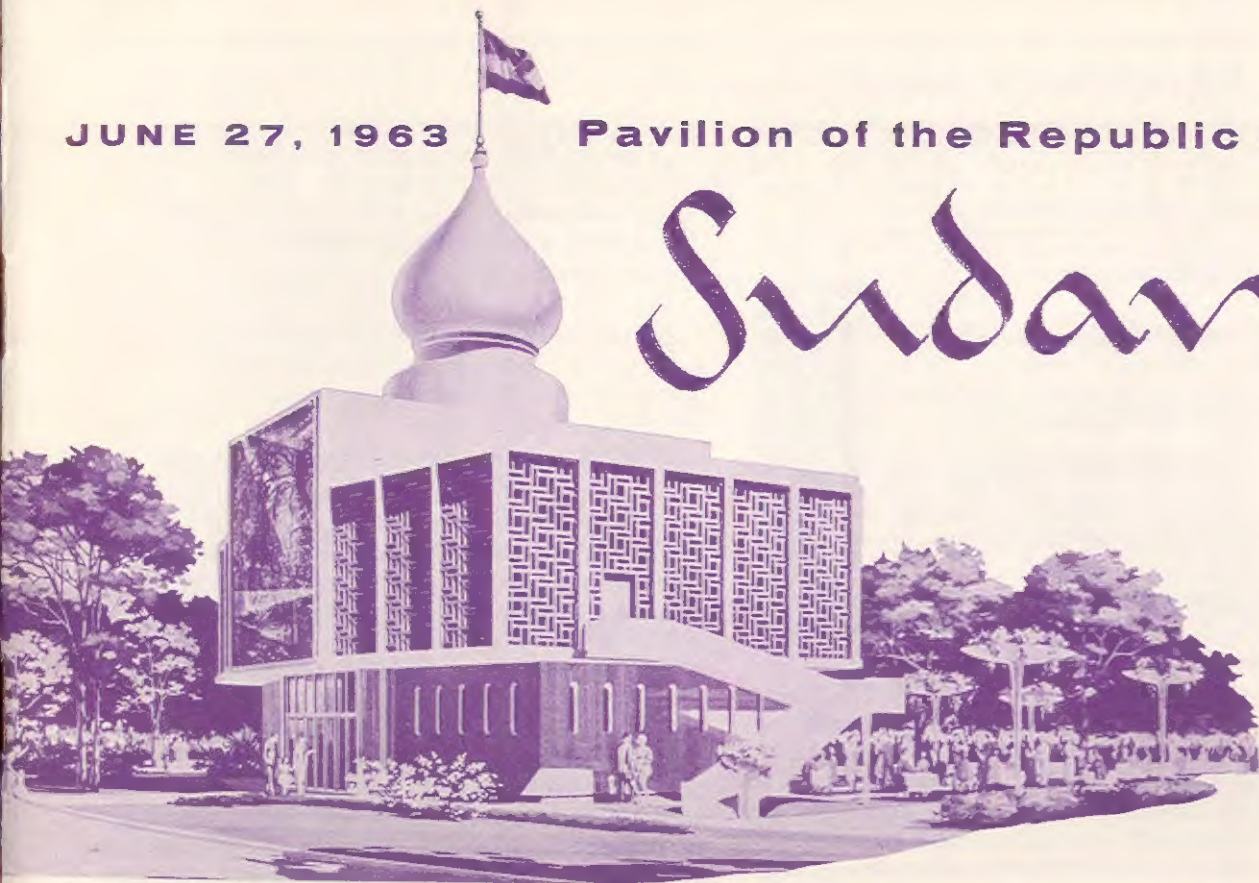


JUNE 27, 1963

Pavilion of the Republic of

*Sudan*



GROUNDBREAKING AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1964-1965

# Cover: *The Pavilion of the Republic*

*of Sudan will be of contemporary  
Islamic design of reinforced concrete;  
the enclosure of the second  
floor will have a teak lattice of  
Islamic design, and on the façade  
will be a native mosaic. Exhibits  
will include cinema programs,  
native entertainment and publicity  
and information booths. Architects  
for the pavilion are Noel and  
Miller of New York.*

Excerpts from transcription of remarks made by Sudanese and World's Fair officials at the groundbreaking for the Pavilion of the Republic of Sudan at the New York World's Fair, Thursday, June 27, 1963.

AMBASSADOR RICHARD C. PATTERSON, JR. [Chief of Protocol]: Ladies and gentlemen, I am glad to welcome you to this ceremony — in this typical Sudanese weather. And by the way, if you haven't been to that wonderful country, Governor Poletti tells me that you must go because you will see sights that rank among the seven wonders of the world.

We are gathered here this afternoon for a very happy and important ceremony: the breaking of ground for the Pavilion of the Republic of Sudan, which has been specially designed to include both entertainment and education. Our first speaker is a distinguished international lawyer and a former governor of the State of New York. He and his wife Jean went to the Republic of Sudan and personally delivered the invitation of the Fair officials to



the people of Sudan. I now present to you the former governor of the State of New York, The Honorable Charles Poletti.

GOVERNOR CHARLES POLETTI [Vice President, International Affairs and Exhibits]: Distinguished Ambassador, Mr. Moses, Ambassador Patterson, and my associate Mr. Harris. This is a moment that gives me an enormous thrill. When Mrs. Poletti and I landed in Khartoum and presented the official invitation, we could hardly envisage the moment that we are experiencing now. We are thrilled to have the Republic of Sudan participating in this great venture, because we made a strong effort to obtain the presence at the Fair of the new nations of the vast and significant African continent. We are pleased that Sudan is here exemplifying the new nations. As Mr. Moses has often said, this World's Fair will not be devoted to a lot of protocol, but we sincerely hope that what we do here will develop a better understanding between peoples. Speaking for myself as an American, I look forward to a better understanding between those of us of the Christian, Jewish, and Moslem faiths. As Mrs. Poletti and I traveled around the world, we became staunch admirers of the Moslems. They are a stalwart, sturdy, loyal and courageous people, and I think we in the free world are lucky to have them on our side.

I like to think of Sudan as exemplifying the ambition, the drive, the progressive spirit of a new people. My mind goes back to the visit that we made, Mr. Ambassador, to your new development — your Gezira Scheme — where

I saw all the reclaimed land producing wonderful long staple cotton. I was told of your plans for the enlargement of your dams, including the Sennar Dam, outside of Khartoum. I was deeply impressed by the new factory you're building for the manufacture of cotton. Instead of having to import cotton you are going to manufacture it out of your short staple cotton and export your long staple, which means gold reserves for your country. Sudan is a progressive country; a country which wants to push forward and help its people.

We at the World's Fair are delighted that Sudan will be present, and we think that the Sudanese Pavilion will add immeasurably to the success of our World's Fair. I thank you again for the friendships which we started and which will develop with greater and greater richness. Thank you very, very much.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Thank you, Governor Poletti. The dynamic, creative genius who runs this Fair, which is complex but is going to be the greatest show on earth, is Robert Moses. His accomplishments are world-renowned and I shall not attempt to tell you of the many, many honors he has received from various countries and universities. I present The Honorable Robert Moses, president of the New York World's Fair.

MR. ROBERT MOSES: Mr. Patterson, Ambassadors, ladies and gentlemen. I can remember, as a very small boy, my first trip to Europe with my parents. I have no clear recollection of anything except the Diamond Jubilee, and subsequently, when I got to school and college, I began





Participating in the groundbreaking were: (left to right) Governor Poletti, vice president in charge of International Affairs and Exhibits at the Fair; His Excellency, Omar Abdel Hamid Adeel, Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan to the United Nations; Robert Moses, president of the Fair; His Excellency, Dr. Osman el-Hadari, Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan to the United States.



SUDAN IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF AFRICA. IT OCCUPIES 967,248 SQUARE MILES. ITS CAPITAL CITY IS KHARTOUM.



reading Kipling and I read "The Recessional." What Kipling wrote about the British Empire and its morning drumbeat going around the world sounded absurd at the time but proved to be a very accurate prophecy. The substance of what he said in "The Recessional" was that they'd better become a little more modest and a little more modern and realize that maybe they wouldn't be able to hold this thing together.

Then later, as a very young man, I happened to be in Europe, at the funeral of King Edward VII. And back of the guncarriage, with the coffin of the King, the riderless horse and the ownerless dog, were a whole series of troops, kings and queens, and the United States representative, Theodore Roosevelt, who was riding with a representative of Siam. In the very front row were the new King and the Duke of Connaught and Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany.

I reflect now that out of this entire troop representing all those countries and all those monarchs, there are only three monarchies left today. These people and their families are forgotten. What's the moral? Well, the moral is that today there are ambitious new people and new nations emerging. Some of them aren't really new — I don't know enough about African history to have any idea of just what earlier civilizations there were but I know there were very well-defined and very distinguished civilizations in what is now the Sudan and the surrounding regions long before the United States was heard of.

The Fair, under the leadership of Governor Poletti, has given these new nations an immense amount of time con-



sidering the numbers of people involved and the amount of money that exhibitors are able to spend, because we are genuinely *interested* in their success and we want them to put their best foot forward here. We want them to show graphically what they are doing and what they are aiming at.

That's one of the very great objectives of this Fair. For that reason, I am happy as head of the Fair, to welcome the representatives of the Sudan. Thank you.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Thank you, President Moses. Before introducing the next speaker I should like to present two distinguished members of the visiting party. The first is the renowned economist who entered the foreign service of his country in 1956, and served as Counselor and Minister at the Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan in Washington until the end of 1961. He is Assistant Undersecretary for Economic Affairs of the Sudanese Foreign Office and a Sudanese delegate by election of the United Nations to the Fifth Committee of the United Nations. I have great pleasure in presenting Mohamad Ahmed.

MR. MOHAMED A. AHMED: I don't have anything to say except to express my deep appreciation of what has been said about my country, and I regard myself very fortunate at being able to attend this historic ceremony.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Thank you. Now a distinguished barrister and diplomat who studied in London and had an honorary degree from Ontario. He has held many important posts in his government and led

many of the Sudanese delegations to foreign countries. His Excellency, Omar Abdel Hamid Adeel, Ambassador to the United Nations and Consul General in New York of the Republic of Sudan.

HIS EXCELLENCY, OMAR ABDEL HAMID ADEEL: Thank you very much indeed. I, like my colleague Mr. Ahmed, would like to say how grateful we are to you for inviting us to participate in this significant ceremony; and, Mr. Ambassador, as you know, we have here some clear jurisdiction between Ambassador to the United States and Ambassador to the United Nations. This falls under the jurisdiction of the Ambassador to the United States and I am sure he will express the sentiments of the Sudanese.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Thank you very much. Our next speaker is a well-known doctor and distinguished diplomat, who attended the School of Science in Khartoum and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alexandria. He practiced medicine with distinction until he was appointed first Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to Pakistan in 1956. He has been honored by his country in many ways. I have the high privilege to present to you His Excellency, Dr. Osman el-Hadari, Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to the United States.

HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. OSMAN EL-HADARI: Thank you very much, Ambassador Patterson. Mr. Moses, Governor Poletti, Ambassador Adeel, distinguished guests. I would like to digress a little from the text of my remarks this afternoon — because I have been deeply

ouched by the very fine words of Governor Poletti about the people of Sudan and the generosity he found there. I'd like to thank him from the depth of my heart; I want to assure him that everyone in the Sudan enjoyed Mrs. Poletti's and his visit, brief as it was, to our country. And I want to assure him that in that brief period he made quite a number of friends for his country. I would like to assure him also that he will find the same generosity when he goes back to the Sudan in the future. I hope it will be soon.

Ambassador Patterson, I consider it a very great pleasure and indeed an honor to participate in the groundbreaking for the Sudanese Pavilion in the New York World's Fair. The decision of my government to take part in the Fair, despite our extreme preoccupations at home, has been prompted by the dedication of both the government and the people of Sudan to the theme of Peace through Understanding which has been adopted by the Fair authorities.

It is our sincere hope that upon completion the Sudanese Pavilion will be symbolic not only of the culture and heritage of the people of the Sudan, not only of their remarkable achievements in the economic and social fields during the very brief period of our independence, but also of the devotion of the Sudan to the principle of friendship and understanding between nations.

The main structure of our pavilion is intended to reflect the traditional Sudanese architecture, while the exhibits will project three main aspects of the country and the

people of the Sudan. First, the practical and well-conceived ten year social and economic development plan with special emphasis on social and economic planning in selected areas. Second, the known ancient history of the Sudan, which dates back as far as 4000 B.C., and also the modern history of the country. And third, the way of life and culture of the fourteen million Sudanese people.

The Republic of the Sudan, young as it is, is hopeful that the combined and concerted efforts of the Sudanese people and of the government to raise the standard of living will be understood and appreciated by all those who visit the Fair from all parts of the world. We also hope that as a result of our participation in the Fair, new avenues will be opened for us for greater and more effective exchanges in all fields between the Sudan and nations around the world.

I cannot close these remarks without extending our special thanks and deep appreciation to our friends in the New York World's Fair Corporation for all the kind and continuous assistance and advice they have extended us since the day we decided to take part in this wonderful effort. I trust that the Sudanese Pavilion will be a source of pride to us, to the Fair Corporation, to our very able architects, Messrs. Noel and Miller, and to our contractors, Messrs. Auserehl and Son. Thank you very much.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Thank you, Your Excellency. Now, ladies and gentlemen, the Ambassadors accompanied by President Moses and Governor Poletti will go to the bulldozer for the groundbreaking ceremony.



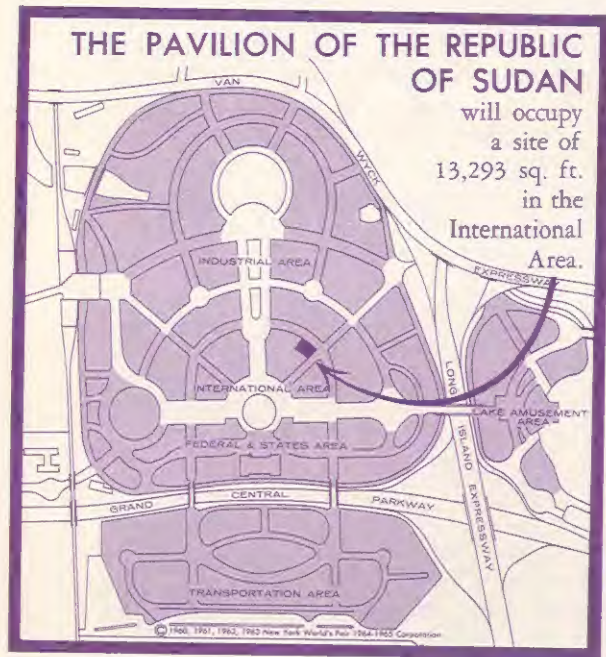
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